

## Leadership

To the Connecticut Legislative body considering HB 6519 to label Genetically Modified Foods for Connecticut consumers I respectfully submit the following humble call for leadership, in this matter.

Last year Resolutions calling for Legislative Leadership were submitted by many forces, among them the Ledge-light Health District, and the City of Hartford to label GMO foods for Connecticut consumers. This year this call has expanded to the owners of the following Connecticut Farms: Cedar Meadows Farm in Ledyard, Studio Farms in Voluntown, Highland Thistle Farm in Brooklyn, Stony Ledge Farm in Pawtucket, Aiki Farms. and Hidden Brook Farms in Ledyard, which I have been designated to represent submitting the following in concert **with** the call for Legislative Leadership on the Labeling of **G**enetically Modified foods sold in Connecticut.

1. When a corporation takes over the FDA via the "revolving door" policy and blatantly tells us that there is no difference between the Patented Laboratory created Genetically Modified Foods and non GMO foods, this is chaos.

2. When tons of food enter our system with severe objection by the FDA Science staff, defying their call for adequate testing, and their findings being ignored by the FDA management staff. This is chaos.

3. When we, as responsible citizens all have identification by name, and by social security number, taking responsibility for our role in society, how is it that the Biotech Industry-controlled agriculture refuses to share that responsibility with the rest of us? Not only refusing to take responsibility, but spending millions of dollars to hide their Genetically Modified foods in our system? This is chaos.

4. When GMO foods appear on the store shelves of Connecticut Consumers, the same foods that are shipped and labeled for the Asian and European consumers, without that consideration for the Connecticut Consumer, our families, and our Legislators, this is chaos.

It is a time for us all to stop being made fools of. It is a time for us all to demand that the Food Industry extend care, compassion and responsibility for their actions **and not to defy** food justice and equity for Connecticut Consumers. **We demand that they not** threaten us with vindictive threats of unnecessarily choosing to "raise prices" should we secure equity with our Asian and European Consumers. **We** demand fair treatment by the food Industry.

It is a time for Leadership in the midst of this Chaos, to identify these foods prior to marketing and consumption, to ensure the Connecticut Consumer the food Justice and equity food producers give to their European and Asian consumers, to allow penetration of the current STONE WALL by our health officials that blocks anyone from identifying the source of any possible food-borne illness, that may be a result of the Genetically Modified Foods in our system, which are so carefully hidden. Sound health, sound policy are attainable only through identification, and honest evaluation, currently this is impossible.

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